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HONGKONG, APRIL 9TH 1909.

It is gratifying to learn from the speech
delivered by Mr. FRANK GROVE, the
Engineer-in-Chief of the Chinese section
of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, at the
interesting little ceremony which
took place at Canton on Wednesday
that he sees no reason at present
to depart from the terms of his
estimate that trains will be running for
through traffic with the British section on
or before July 1st, 1911. This will be
nearly twelve months after the date by
which the British section is estimated to be
completed, but the announcement made by
Mr. GROVE is welcome in Hongkong as
removing an impression that owing to the de-
lay in starting the Chinese section we might
have to wait much longer than twelve months
before through connection is established
between Kowloon and Canton. There
cannot be the slightest doubt that the
railway will speedily lead to enormous
developments in the district it traverses,
and possibly both the Government of
Hongkong and the Government of Canton
will look at the start, more to the traffic
between intermediate stations for the returns
to the through traffic from terminal to
terminal. At least it is not very obvious
yet to the man-in-the-street how the railway
is going to successfully compete with the
steamboats for the great passenger traffic
that exists between the two. An hour's
difference in time of transit is of a matter of
serious concern to the average Chinaman,

but the amount of the fare is a matter of great
importance. It will probably seem to
many that H. E. Sir FREDERICK LUGARD
drew a bow at a venture in suggesting that H.E. the Viceroy of Canton might, when the railway is completed, run down to Hongkong after breakfast, take lunch at Government House, and get back to Canton the same evening, with plenty of time to spare for business or pleasure in Hongkong.

It is perhaps not well known that in Hongkong it is prohibited by Ordinance to offer for sale from the month of March to the month of September inclusive any pheasant or partridge. Yesterday at the Magistrate's stallholder in the Central Market was fined 25 for having sold a brace of pheasants.

At the Sanitary Board on Tuesday Mr. Shelton Hooper will move the resolution of which he has given notice for the provision of a new cemetery, and there will be read a letter from the Government forwarding a copy of the Bill amending the Public Health and Building ordinance.

A verdict of accidental death was returned yesterday by the jury which sat with Mr. Kemp the Magistrate to conduct an inquiry into the circumstances of the death of an excavating coolie who was killed on the 23rd March at Hangkow railway heading by a fall of stone which crushed him. It appears that he was engaged filling wagons of the railway when the stone fell from the hillside and crushed him, death being instantaneous.

In consequence of a telegram received from the police at Penang, Sergt. Wilden went on board the German mail steamer *Buelow* on Wednesday and arrested Leo Goldstein on a charge of being a deserter from the Penang police. He was brought before the Magistrate yesterday and admitted that he was a deserter and also expressed his willingness to return to Penang. His Worship committed him pending the arrival of an escort.

The folly of not letting well alone has been strikingly instanced at Batavia by a native assassin who, made for a sum of money, murdered a schoolmaster who had made many enemies by practising the black art. The criminal court before which he confessed his guilt, held that the sum promised proved too great a temptation to be resisted by the assassin whose greed had been aroused, and that this should count as a mitigating circumstance. The sentence passed was only 20 years hard labour. The assassin, hoping for a lighter sentence, appealed, and the court, finding that the criminal court had erred in taking the blood money into account, sentenced the assassin to death.

Some time ago there were complaints in Hongkong that Magistrates were too lenient in dealing with offenders. Manila is now doing a good job in that the fines inflicted by some of the judges are too small. The Governor-General, according to the *Cablenews-American*, has received a complaint from the collector of internal revenue of the action of the judges of the courts of first instance in many provinces in assessing small fines on Chinamen and others tried and convicted for opium smoking. He complains that the small fines imposed are rather in the nature of a license to commit the offense, and that it is not for breaking the law. The complaint will be referred to the attorney general so that the evil may be remedied and the attention of the judges be called to the provision of the law under which a fine of P200 and imprisonment for six months or both may be imposed.

If the goals in Singapore and Penang were not so unnecessarily comfortable and the prison regime so mild, says the *Penang Gazette*, there would hardly have been an increase, per 100,000 of the population, from 863 in 1907 to 1,000 in 1908. These figures would seem, at first sight, to indicate that one person in every 100 of the population went to goal last year, which would point to a truly appalling state of affairs; that deduction, however, is not correct as of the 6,367 prisoners received 1,265 had previous convictions and some of these were doubtless in more than once in the year. But such a large proportion of recidivists is in itself a most disquieting feature and the impression that there must be something wrong with the short sentence system which lets criminals loose, time after time, to prey on Society is confirmed by the official statement that there are now 57 long sentence prisoners classed as habitual, i.e., with more than two previous sentences of over six months.

The Colonial Secretary informs us that Hongkong has been declared an infected port by the authorities of Colombia.

The Earl of Meath addressed the boys of the Penang Free School on the Empire movement when passing through that port.

Colonel "Bob" Love, the manager of Hartman's Circus, was attacked by smallpox at Manila. He was removed to the hospital last Saturday.

Another batch of deportees from the Dutch East Indies has reached Hongkong to the number of 41, which number was augmented by 11 from Saigon.

The Straits Cattle Trading Company was proceeded against at Singapore on a charge of having added water and buffaloes' milk to the milk sold to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

To-day being Good Friday there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow, but latest telegrams will be published as usual in the Shipping Extra.

The act authorizing shorter hours for civil service employees in the Philippines during the months, passed by the Assembly on March 12, was passed by the Commission without change on April 5th.

By the French mail steamer *Toulon*, due at Singapore last Monday, Sir Charles Brooke was expected from home. His yacht, the *Zulma*, was awaiting his arrival, and will convey His Highness to Kuching on return to his territory of Sarawak.

Those who have not yet witnessed the remarkably clever performance of the Japanese jugglers of enjoyed their comedy business should not fail to take advantage of the extension of the short season which is being announced. The entertainments are given in the Hongkong cinematograph building (opposite the central market) and will be repeated on Saturday night and later nights.

TELEGRAMS.

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RAILWAY DISASTER IN JAPAN.

TOKYO, April 8th.
Twenty passengers have been killed or injured in a train disaster near Asomi, the train being blown off the track in a typhoon and falling down the embankment.

[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

DREADNOUGHTS
FOR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

LONDON, March 7th.
Fresh impetus has been given to the Naval controversy by the announcement at Berlin that Austria-Hungary has decided to lay down immediately three Dreadnoughts.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE
NEW RAILWAY LOAN.

LONDON, April 7th.
It is announced that Sir John Jordan has strongly protested to the Waiwpu against the conclusion of the agreement with German bankers for a loan for the Canton-Hankow railway, before the lowest tender has been submitted to Great Britain, in accordance with the engagement of 1905.

CASTRO ENRAGED.

LONDON, March 7th.
The Governor of Trinidad has been instructed not to allow ex-President Castro to land in the Colony.

This enraged Castro who landed at Martinique, the only port in the West Indies from which he is not barred.

AMERICA'S TARIFF REFORM.

LONDON, April 8th.
The Washington House of Representatives has adopted amendments to the Tariff Bill providing that tea shall be admitted duty free and removing the countervailing duty on coffee.

AMERICAN MINISTER TO
CHINA.

LONDON, April 8th.
President Taft has offered ex-Senator Fulton the appointment of American Minister to Peking.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOK SAN PO"]

RAILWAY CONCESSION
REFUSED.

PEKING, April 8th.
The Board of Foreign Affairs has refused to grant a concession to a French syndicate for the construction of a railway in Samchow and the neighbouring province of Kwangsi.

CHINESE POST OFFICE LOSSES.

PEKING, April 8th.
The Revenue Department has discovered that the losses on the Imperial Chinese Post Office for last year amounted to more than Taels 100,000.

NAVY REORGANISATION.

PEKING, April 8th.
The Board of Finance proposes to utilise the sum of Taels 3,700,000 derived from the tax on opium, on the reorganisation of the Chinese Navy.

THE WARD COMEDY SEASON.

The record advance booking for Hongkong is to be credited to Mr. Albert Goldie, business manager of the Hugh Ward London Comedy Co. No previous theatrical attraction has been so well-rehearsed and expectations in regard to the forthcoming season at the Theatre Royal, commencing next Monday are running very high. That the first night of the season will mean crowded houses is now almost a certainty, and it is equally sure that if the Company sustains its reputation, its stay in Hongkong will be a satisfactory one.

A cable from Shanghai yesterday stated—Ward's season a record for Shanghai. The closing night was remarkable for enthusiasm and hundreds of people were unable to secure admission. The company leaves by the P and O ss. *Sumatra* for Hongkong.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, April 8th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

DISPUTED PROMISSORY NOTES.

In the action in which Tsui Kam proceeded against Chung Tsui-Wai to recover \$7521.15 amount alleged to be due with interest on certain promissory notes, an argument arose on a question of Chinese handwriting.

Mr. H. G. Culthrop, instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs. Almada and Smith) appeared for the plaintiff, the defendant being represented by Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., who was instructed by Mr. C. F. Dixon (of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings).

His Lordship said he had come to the conclusion that it would not be right for him to decide the question of Chinese handwriting without more assistance, therefore he proposed to appoint four persons to assist him in Chambers. Two of them would be Europeans, and two Chinese. He would appoint the two Europeans, and the Registrar-General would appoint the two Chinese. Meanwhile, if the defendant chose he could take the point of law, and a date could be fixed for the argument.

Later, Sir Henry Berkeley appeared in Court and informed his Lordship that Counsel for both parties had consulted as to the course the Chief Justice had suggested, but did not approve of its adoption. The persons called by his Lordship would not have heard the evidence, and there was no procedure by which they could be called.

His Lordship—I can appoint anybody to assist me.

Sir Henry Berkeley—Not unless they sat with you at the time the evidence was heard.

His Lordship—A judge can always get somebody to assist him. I have had an assessor for five days.

Sir Henry Berkeley—Sitting in Court.

His Lordship—I don't want to form an opinion on Chinese handwriting without a little more assistance—impartial assistance. I have no doubt I have the power unless the parties object, and I think it would be unwise to object.

Mr. Culthrop—You can certainly try the evidence as to the signatures, but the assessors must hear the evidence like everybody else in Court.

After further argument Sir Henry Berkeley said Counsel agreed to leave the matter in the hands of his Lordship.

His Lordship stated that he had examined the notes very carefully, and that it was quite clear from the different characteristic strokes in the two sets of signatures, that the signatures were signed by the same hand. That left the question of law to be dealt with later.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Re Cheang Lai Sang.
Mr. John Hastings, who represented certain creditors, asked his Lordship to take note that the debtor had not obeyed the summons, and that he proposed to move the Court to rescind the receiving order later on.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Official Trustee, pointed out that when he applied for the summons under section 20 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, he asked leave that it might be served at 133 Des Voeux Road Central. That was the address given him at the time, but afterwards he found out that the debtor was not known at 133, Des Voeux Road Central. He asked leave to amend the order.

Permission was granted.

ORDER OF DISCHARGE SUSPENDED.

Re H. M. H. Ishmael trading as Hadje and Co., ex parte the debtor.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs. Goldring, Harlow and Morell) applied for the discharge, remarking that the Official Receiver had filed his report.

His Lordship—Does he only want suspension?

Mr. Wakeman—The Court is bound to refuse his discharge. It is only a case of suspension.

I have not found that the debtor has committed any offence, but he has been trading and contracted debts after knowing he was insolvent.

His Lordship suspended the discharge for a year, and ordered that at the end of that time the debtor should report himself to the Court.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Re the Yuen On Co. ex parte Ng Sing Wah. The opening of this public examination was conducted by the Official Receiver.

Ng Ching San, managing partner of the debtor firm, was examined. He said he was the managing partner of the Yuen On contractor firm in Gage Street. There were three partners who subscribed a total capital of \$2,250. Witness gave \$1,000. The business was started about the middle of March, 1907. Chung Sing claimed to be a partner in the firm.

Isn't that a rather curious thing claiming to be a partner in a bankrupt firm? He used to be managing partner and ran the whole show.

After further questioning, the examination was adjourned.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. G. GOMPERTZ (PUSINE JUDGE).

A ST. GEORGE'S CLUB ACTION.

E. A. M. Williams, liquidator of St. George's Club, proceeded against J. Clelland to recover \$25 due under clause 5 of the Memorandum of Association of the Club.

Defendant admitted liability, and judgment was given against him.

CLAIM FOR GOODS SOLD.

Kelly and Walsh, Ltd. sued E. B. Shepherd to recover \$61.60 for goods sold and delivered and interest.

W. H. Purcell, accountant in the plaintiff firm, said defendant had been furnished with particulars of the claim. The case was brought forward because the debt was coming under the Statute of Limitations Ordinance.

Judgment was entered for plaintiff with costs.

AN ALLEGED MISFIT.

Yau Lee, ladies' tailor, sued Lottie Kingsbury to recover \$10.75, the price of making a dress. The defendant counter-claimed \$18.20, value of a piece of silk destroyed.

Plaintiff told the Court that the defendant offered him \$7, but declined to pay the balance. He changed the style of the jacket at her request, and had seen her wearing the dress since.

Defendant denied this. Standing at the bar she pleaded with the permission of a Portia, telling the Court that she told the plaintiff ten thousand times to make the dress all right. The tailor made the dress too small. She complained about this, and the plaintiff said he could remedy matter with another yard of silk. She gave him \$2.20 to buy an extra yard, but he failed to purchase it. The dress was of no use. He could not wear it, and she could not send it to any body.

At this stage of her story his Lordship called

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P. M. REMEDIOS,
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Hongkong, 9th April, 1909. [595]

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1909. [596]

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD, BREMEN,
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"BUELOW," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst., will be subject to re-tariffing.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 18th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1909. [5]

WANTED.

A QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT for an Old Established Firm in Hongkong. Must be willing to assist in Office Work generally and furnish a guarantee.

Apply by letter to— MANAGER,
Hongkong Daily Press.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1909. [551]

WANTED.

BY a GERMAN GENTLEMAN, residing in CAINE ROAD, Advanced Lessons and an Accompanist Violin and Piano twice a week from 9 to 10 o'clock in the evening.

Apply stating terms to— X.W.
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1909. [578]

ICE

WE HAVE MET THE CUT and are now Selling Ice from our Depot, Nos. 55 & 57, Des Voeux Road Central, for HALF A CENT PER POUND.

We have the ONLY FACTORY IN HONGKONG Manufacturing Ice from DISTILLED WATER and therefore we GUARANTEE ITS PURITY.

ORIENTAL BREWERY LTD.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1909. [474]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE.
1893.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EDGAR ALLEN & Co., Ltd., of Imperial Steel Works, Tinsley, Sheffield in England have on the 5th day of August, 1908, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following TRADE MARK:



The name of EDGAR ALLEN & Co., Ltd. to claim to be the Sole Proprietors thereof. The TRADE MARK has been used by the Applicants in respect of the following Goods the following Class:—

IRON and STEEL in CLASS 5.
Dated the 5th day of March, 1909.

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARELY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th April, to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [517]

LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir FREDERICK J. D. LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

THE COMMITTEE have much pleasure in inviting the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Colony to their Sports at the Race Course by kind permission of the Stewards of the HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB on EASTER MONDAY, 12th inst., commencing at 1 P.M.

There will be two open events:—
Half Miles Flat Race open to European Sailors, Soldiers & Champion. 3.15 P.M. Free, 220 yards Championship open to all BONA FIDE Amateurs in the Colony under the rules of the A.A.A. 3.45 P.M.

Entrance \$1.
By Courtesy of the Tramway Co., there will be Special Tram Cars running every 5 minutes between 12.15 P.M. and 2 P.M. as well as on the return journey.

P. M. REMEDIOS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1909. [595]

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 9th instant (GOOD FRIDAY) and MONDAY, the 12th instant (EASTER MONDAY).
Hongkong, 6th April, 1909. [576]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance, No. 6 of 1875, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 9th instant (GOOD FRIDAY) and MONDAY, the 12th instant (EASTER MONDAY).

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1909. [592]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

Should the above Special Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, of which Notice will be hereafter given.

Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Society's Offices or obtained on application there.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1909. [544]

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th April, to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1909. [525]

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.45 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

Should the above Special Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, of which Notice will be hereafter given.

Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Company's Offices or obtained on application there.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1909. [570]

NOTICE.

AS SUPPLIED TO THE HOUSE OF
LORDS, AND HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THORNE'S
OLD VAT

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THIS VAT WAS STARTED BY THE LATE ROBERT THORNE OF GREENOCK AND HAS BEEN SOLD AS NO. 16 SINCE 1831

SCOTCH WHISKY.
SOLE AGENTS IN
HONG KONG, CHINA & MANILLA.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.



Ex-Inspector T. H. Cox
of Mandalay

when seen a few months ago at his residence in Fryer Street, Mandalay, he was still well, and just as enthusiastic about the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as ever.

The facts of Mr. Cox's remarkable restoration to health as related by him two years ago are, briefly, these: "After my severe illness from Pneumonia and Malaria never some years ago I was so weak that I could hardly crawl," said I. "I was a bag of bones almost, could eat scarcely anything, used to stagger like a drunken man when I got upon my legs, and my wife had to take me by the hand and lead me when I went out. I suffered greatly from headaches and dizziness, the least exertion left me palpitating and exhausted."

"The prospect for the future looked black indeed when at last a friend recommended me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I commenced taking the pills and almost at once felt an improvement. I rapidly gained strength and my appetite improved. I no longer felt dizzy or suffered with headaches, and I continued to progress in this way, regaining health and vigour every day, until at last I found myself as healthy and robust as ever I had been in my life."

The excessive weakness and other troubles with which Mr. Cox was afflicted were due to the impoverished state of his blood, brought about by his severe illness.

It is remarkable what power Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have given some astonishing results."

Mr. Kendal, the great writer, has also had amazing results with your MERRYWEATHER'S HAND-POWER PUMP.

**MERRYWEATHER'S
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HAND-POWER PUMP**

With Metallic Body and Gun-metal Pump.



For Fire Protection, Watering Plantations, Emptying Ponds, Draining Land, Pumping Liquid Manure, General Pumping Purposes, &c.

Strongly made and nothing to get out of order.

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**DO YOU KNOW
THIS MAN?**



He is said to be those who have made to die, and now live with wonderful ability. To introduce him to you, he is a man of great wit and a divine character as a test of his worth.

Those who have already written say he might have known more about it, but was surprised to find it correct.

The "Times" says: "His delineations are full of life and action, but short of妙笔 (mastery)."

The "Court Journal" says: "Has remarkable psychic powers."

The "Morning Post" has given some astonishing results."

Mr. Kendal, the great writer, has also had amazing results with your MERRYWEATHER'S HAND-POWER PUMP.

Send us a sketch of your right thumb by rubbing a little ink over it, and we will send you white paper. Send this to us and we will make a drawing.

DO IT NOW. YOU WILL BE AMAZED

His address is—
Professor KENDAL, 69, Regent St., London.

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**MARTIN'S
APIOL & STEEL
PILLS
for Ladies.**

A French Remedy for all Irritations. Thousands of Ladies keep a box of Martin's Pills in their pocket, so that they may be administered. Those who use them recommend them, hence their success and popularity.

MARTIN'S, C. & CO., SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND.

A SAFE REMEDY
FOR ALL.

SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES

If you suffer from any disease due to an impure state of the blood, from warts, vermin, carbuncles, skin diseases, &c., you should test the value of Clarke's Blood Mixture, the world-famous Blood Purifier and Restorer. This mixture has a 30 years' reputation, and is to-day more popular than ever, the reason of this being undoubtedly because this wonderful remedy does what it professes to do—it cures SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES PERMANENTLY.

**Clarke's
Blood
Mixture**

IS THE FINEST BLOOD PURIFIER
EVER DISCOVERED.

It is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For

BURSOMA,
BAD LEGS,
EQUITY,
SPOTS,
BLOOD POISON,
ULCERS,
SKIN AND BLOOD
DISEASES

SORES OF ALL KINDS

It is a safe and Permanent Remedy.

It is the only real specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pains, for it removes the cause from the Blood and Bone.

NOTE. This mixture is pleasant to the taste and is entirely free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy to old age, and the Proprietors solicit to give it a trial to test its value.

Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it.

**TRY MANY THINGS WITHOUT BENEFIT
UNTIL I TOOK CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE.**

Mr. F. E. Lewis, 49 Bridge Street Row, Oxford writes: "Just a line to thank you for Clarke's Blood Mixture. I took it occasionally for seven months, and then stopped it, but until I took your remedy after the eighth bottle I was quite well again. Please accept this letter as a token of gratitude to your wonderful Clarke's Blood Mixture."—J. Jones, 31, 1903.

Sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World

CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE

and beware of worthless imitations and substitutes

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SO WEAK HE COULD HARDLY
CRAWL.

**HEALTH AND STRENGTH, SHATTERED BY
MALARIA AND PNEUMONIA, RESTORED BY
DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.**

Mr. Thomas Henry Cox is one of the oldest and also one of the best respected British residents in Burma. After 21 years service in the British Army he entered the Burma Government Service, filling different positions of responsibility with credit to himself.

In January, 1907, when Mr. Cox was an Inspector on the Burma Government Railways he said, "I have to attribute the fact that I am hearty and well-to-day, although now 61 years of age, entirely to the strength restoring powers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." Since then he has retired from work, and

MISCELLANEOUS—Bill's Asbestos are wanted at \$10, and Compell Morre's at \$9. Cements have been booked at \$89 ex dividend and China. Porsons at \$11.3 ex dividend. Electrics have sold and are still procurable at \$19 and Ropes at \$24. Ideas have further reduced \$170 with sales and sellers. Watkins have been done at \$3, and Watsons at \$9 both closing in further request. Powells have buyers at \$2.

MENOS.—Company Meetings advertised—Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. 21st instant. China Traders Insurance Co. Ltd. 24th instant. Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. 24th instant.

ACTS LIKE A BURGLAR!

**INDIGESTION
ROBS YOU OF SUPPORT.**

Indigestion is like a burglar in the body. It robs you of that which you need for your own support and comfort. What is more, the burglar is often practically an invited guest. We often allow Indigestion to enter our systems through sheer carelessness.

We eat too much or we eat too little. We eat food that we like but which does not like us. We eat too quickly, generally, because we have to do so in these active, busy times. We commit many errors of diet, said Mr. Indigestion takes us off our guard, one day. Then we know what real misery is. The food we eat does us little or no good. Sometimes we cannot even eat the food necessary to sustain and invigorate us. We grow depressed, irritable, nervous, melancholic, lethargic, world-weary. What is to be done?

Don't try to cure Indigestion by starving yourself, as some may advise you to do. Don't become a food faddist, and limit yourself to one special kind of food. Don't trying the no-breakfast or any other meal-saving remedy. Keep your stomach tissues strong by eating good, nourishing food, and by taking Mother Seigel's Syrup to help you to digest it.

Indigestion—with all its accompanying disorders—constipation, biliousness, flatulence, heartburn, nausea, dizziness, liver complaint—arises from a weakened stomach. The stomach, being weak, is unable to perform its duties well, becomes charged with poisonous acids, fluids, and gases, and ferment. These force themselves into recognition, at the weakest point, by symptoms of pain or discomfort. Mother Seigel's Syrup cures all digestive disorders, by removing the cause and strengthening the stomach itself.

A few doses of Syrup will tone up the weak stomach, cleanse the liver and kidneys, and make you cheery and well once more. The blood is purified, the muscles grow firm and strong, the nerves at ease as steel, and the mind clear, alert, cheerful.

Mother Seigel's Syrup cures the whole system, and makes the human body secure against all nervous and functional disorders. By using it occasionally, you can eat a good meal without nervous anxiety about the morrow. You can enjoy life to the full, with the appetite and digestion of a healthy young plough-boy. That is the feeling which makes life worth living.

The indigestion that attacked me began with a slight pain at my chest. Matters grew gradually worse, until I was forced to give up my occupation," says Miss E. Dawson, of Hill End, Redbourn, Herts, in a letter dated July 27th, 1908. "Before this happened I had tried various remedies without success. I was eventually persuaded to try Mother Seigel's Syrup. A course of this medicine immediately relieved me, and by persevering with it to the extent of three bottles I was completely cured, and was able to resume my professional occupation.

Mother Seigel's Syrup is now also prepared in Tablet form, and sold as Mother Seigel's Syrup Tablets. Price 2/- per bottle.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

IF THERE WERE NO MIRRORS.

The following article by Marcus Woodward, is taken from a home paper:

"If there were no looking-glasses—"

"Odds bodikins!" said I, fairly staggered by the idea.

"Human nature," went on the Philosopher, speaking with his accustomed calm, "would be wonderfully improved."

"You might as well suppose there were no sun," said I.

"Not at all," said the Philosopher, "for we have always had the sun with us, but time was when there were no looking-glasses. In those days men grew long beards, and women wore their hair flowing. When the looking-glass came men shaved themselves to discover what they were like; and then it was that women began to worry whether their hats were on straight. I suppose there has never been a problem that has caused such waste of time or so much distraction as this question of the straight hat."

"If all looking-glasses were abolished tomorrow, what would happen, do you suppose? At first the ladies would be in despair; they would hurt everywhere, to find calm, reflective pools, and how lingering would be their looks into our eyes! Moral improvement would be slow, but gradually many beneficial changes would come to pass."

"Appearance would cease to be the most important thing in life. Elaborate hairdressing would go cleanly out of fashion, the hair would be caught up in some simple way, the charm of which the roughest winds would be powerless to affect; hats would be abolished in favour of some simple headgear that looked as well if crooked as straight, and dresses that depended for smart appearance on exact fit would be exchanged in favour of the ideal costume that the custom was in the classical era, and will be once again in the Golden Age.

ANGELS' ROSES.

"You know how the late M. Worth over kept in his consulting-room a kind of Persian costume, to which he directed the attention of every Parisian grande dame who begged him to make the perfect dress. There was a loose lower garment, divided, reaching a little below the knees, and there was a loose upper garment, such as angels wear in the paintings of the idealists, falling in the beautiful folds of the Roman toga.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been booked at \$29 and \$29 closing firm at the former rate but with some sellers at the latter quotation. China and Manilla have been booked and are still wanted at \$8. Douglas have buyers at \$35 and Indos at \$61 for the combined preferred and Deferred shares after sales at that rate and at \$60. Star Ferries can be placed at quotations, and Shell Transport at the improved rate of 55/6.

REFINERIES—China Sugars have been booked at \$137 and \$135 and close with some shares offering at the former rate. Linzons are neglected with sellers at 17.

MINING.—There is no change to report in Charbonnages which are still in request at \$600. Raous have been booked at the reduced rate of \$8, and are wanted.

DOCKS, WHARVES & DOCKWORKS—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold in considerable quantities at \$80 and \$81 closing steady. Kowloon Wharves close firm at \$51 after sales at the rate, and at \$50 and \$50 closing. Shanghai Docks, and Shantung and Hongkong Wharves are locally unchanged at \$18. 62 respectively.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS—Hongkong Lands have ruled quiet, and sales have been effected at \$97. Kowloon Lands are wanted in a small way at \$50, and Humphreys Estates at \$83. Hongkong Hotels have hardened, and there are now buyers at \$84. Shanghai Lands in the North have improved to \$18. 62.

COTTON MILLS.—In the absence of telegraphic advice we quote the Northern mills under latest reports as follows: Ewos Tls. 119. Internationals Tls. 93, Lau Kung Tows Tls. 110, and Soy Chees Tls. 410. Hongkongs are still procurable at \$9.

virtue, same go so far as to say that self-approbation is the most despicable of human failings. I suppose now women who constantly study themselves in their glasses could accurately define their motives. *Barbara* they are partly animated by the desire to see that they are looking just as they wish to be looked at; partly by the pleasure to be drawn from the contemplation of their own beauty; partly by the desire to look their best for the delight of others; and not little by a desire to produce so charming an effect that other women shall be lost in admiration—not to jealousy.

LOOKING GLASSES EVERYWHERE

"Or who could estimate the number of times a woman looks into looking glasses in the course of a day? She is sooner out of bed than she is before her glass, gazing anxiously at her features, as though to judge what new havoc time has wrought. I believe that at least two mirrors are required for hair-dressing. Then there must be a long glass for the final effect of the dress is to be judged. A looking-glass so placed that my lady may see herself as she comes down the stairs is a thing not unknown even to philosophy. Her breakfast-room boudoir, and drawing-room, of course, have their glasses. She steps into her motor-car, and her eyes fly at once to their reflection. She descends from the motor and carries with her a glass in a hand-bag or purse, for it would never do to be left without one. When walking in the country, women, as I have noticed, even carry tiny mirrors in their gloves.

"Nearly all the dress-foibles of ladies—"

"Heaven bless them!" I interjected.

"Are due," went on the Philosopher, "to looking-glasses."

WHO DARES?

"Will any society lady deny that she spends more time considering dress than the briefness of life justifies? If not, looking-glasses deserve to be treated with less respect. I think it would be an interesting experiment if some brave man of a large and fashionable house-party would find a chance to thickly cover every looking-glass in the house with paint.

"There would be few ladies at the dinner-table that night—so much I can imagine. We should perceive also how difficult it is for a man to brush his hair without a glass—to say nothing of the impossibility of tying a tie correctly."

"What I cannot imagine is the fate of the bold spirit who painted the looking-glasses, should his deed be brought home."

"To speak of a looking-glass is to think of a woman." But of course, I do not mean to suggest that men are not slaves to the looking-glass habit.

"Yet, I think there are more men than women to whom it might be an advantage if they paid greater attention to the stories of the glass."

"In fine," concluded the Philosopher, "I hold that nearly all women allow looking-glasses to play too large a part in their lives; that most may do so also; that a few men would benefit others if they bought full length glasses; but that humanity would gain by a wholesale looking-glass destruction."

"I suppose," I remarked, "that dentists, when stopping our upper-teeth, would stand on their heads."

YALE'S BEST-DRESSED MAN.

A Shanghai Chinaman, named Chui, has been selected by the senior class at Yale University as the best-dressed man in the class. He also has been elected a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, a high social distinction. This is the first time an honour of this kind has been conferred on a Chinaman, though the Chinese are well represented in other honours lists at Yale. Yung-siang Tsao won the oratorical contest in the sophomore class this year, delivering Lincoln's first inaugural address. Paoyoung Jui, a senior, has taken the Penfield prize for special excellence in mineralogy. Another senior, Ta-tsun Chang, has won general honours in all studies, with special mention in electrical engineering.

Chronic Dyspepsia.

Angier's Emulsion soothes the mucous membrane of the stomach and intestines, arrests fermentation, checks bacterial growth, and promotes normal healthy action of the bowels. Doctors prescribe it for chronic indigestion, nervous dyspepsia, stomach and intestinal catarrh, etc. It has cured many obscure cases.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

CHOWFA, German str., 1,055, F. Schnutz, 7th April—Bangkok 29th March. Timber and Rice—N. D. L.
FOOSHING, British str., 8th April—Canton.
KAMIO, Norwegian str., 949, Muus, 8th April—Haiphong 5th April. Cement and Stone—Shewan, Tong & Co.
KOLTA, American str., 5,651, S. Sandberg, 8th April—San Francisco via Ports 9th March. General—Pacific Mail Steamship Co.
KUMIKA, British str., 4,006, J. Mathie, 8th April—Manila 5th April. Hemp—Dowell & Co.
MEIFOO, Chinese str., 8th April—Canton.
SECHUAN, British str., 1,143, Siford, 8th April—Lingkang and Wuhan 4th April. Rice & Grains—Butterfield & Swire.
TRIGONIA, Dutch str., 1,695, Huischer, 8th April—Bilak Pappon 30th March. Liquid Fuel—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
8th April.
Chinkia, British str., for Shanghai.
Fuji Maru, Jap. str., for Saigon.
Fuji Maru, Jap. str., for Kobe.
Hoshing, British str., for Swatow.
Mondal, Norwegian str., for Manila.
Trigonia, Dutch str., for Tarakan.
Yunnan, British str., for Manila.
Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

8th April.
BULOW, German str., for Shanghai.
CHINAN, British str., for Canton.
CHINHUA, British str., for Canton.
CHIYUAN, Chinese str., for Canton.
ERBOL, British str., for Salou Cruz.
GERMANIA, German str., for Wuhan.
SABEN RICHMERS, Dutch str., for Canton.
SZECHUAN, British str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. Kumeric reports: Fine clear weather throughout.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

April 8th.
ABERDEEN DOCK.—
KOWLOON DOCK.—Turle, Son Cheong,
Tsinlung.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR," Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched to the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 10th inst., at 1 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 9th April, 1909. [582]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to Port Said, Messina, Naples, Leghorn and Genoa, also Venice and Trieste, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to Callao. Taking cargo on through routes to PEHIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA," Captain Belotti, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1909. [44]

FOR MARSELLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.

THE Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE," will be despatched as above on or about the 20th April.

For Freight, or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1909. [418]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR TRIESTE (Direct), SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID. (Taking cargo on through routes to the BRAZILS to PEHIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship

"AUSTRIA," Captain Cobol, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 27th April.

This Steamer had splendid accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor and stewardess.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes Buildings, Hongkong, 29th March, 1909. [3]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABA COAST). PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK. S.S. "DACRE CASTLE" About 20th April. FOR NEW YORK. S.S. "SATSUMA" About 20th May. For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1909. [172]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR," Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched to the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 10th inst., at 1 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.
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THE Steamship

"ISCHIA," Captain Belotti, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1909. [44]

FOR MARSELLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.

THE Steamship

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For Freight, or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1909. [418]

FOR MARSELLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

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VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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AYMERIC ... 4,363 T. Shotton ... About 24th April

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Hongkong, 3rd April, 1909.

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1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIZ.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLIED TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Bruce	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 14th Inst.
LONDON & VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DEVANEA	Brit. str.	K. W.	W. Hayward, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 17th Inst. at Noon.
ANTWERP & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	LIBERIA	Ger. str.	K. W.	Knabell	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About Middle of May.
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	BELGEVIA	Ger. str.	K. W.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About Beg. of June.
SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON & ANTWERP	MONTMOUTHSHIRE	Brit. str.	K. W.	G. S. Warner, R.N.E.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 15th May.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, via STRAITS, &c.	NICOMEDIA	Brit. str.	K. W.	Muller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 29th Inst.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	AMBRIA	Brit. str.	K. W.	Debel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 26th Inst.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SILESEA	Brit. str.	K. W.	v. Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 19th May.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAMORGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	K. W.	Bruno	MESSENGERIES MARITIMES	About 30th Inst.
MARSELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	Wm. Wade	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Inst. at 1 P.M.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	TRA-QUEBAR	Brit. str.	K. W.	N. Ohno	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Inst. at D'light
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	KANAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	Scowen, Hammer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 23rd Inst.
MARSELLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SHIGAVIA	Jap. str.	K. W.	W. Bainbridge	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd May.
GENOA—MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	MITAYAKI MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	On 14th Inst.	
TRISTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	AUSTRIA MARC	Jap. str.	K. W.	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 21st Inst.	
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, &c.	NEW YORK	Am. str.	K. W.	W. Cooke, R.N.E.	SHEWAN, TOMEI & CO.	On 30th Inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	INDRAJAYA	Brit. str.	K. W.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	Above 20th Inst.	
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	DAECEB CASTLE	Brit. str.	K. W.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 11th Inst. at 6 A.M.	
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	K. W.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 14th Inst. at Noon.	
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	MONTAGUE	Jap. str.	K. W.	S. Ishikawa	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 24th Inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via JAPAN, &c.	TANAKA MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	T. Shotton	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th Inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	J. Nagao	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th Inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th Inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	CHUNSHA	Jap. str.	K. W.	G. W. Eddy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th Inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	EASTER	Jap. str.	K. W.	D. Lens	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Jap. str.	K. W.	T. Skinne	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th Inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	R. Sawyer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd Inst. at 10 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	MOJI	Jap. str.	K. W.	R. Smith	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 14th May, at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHUNSHA	Jap. str.	K. W.	N. Nieder	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th Inst. at D'light
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th Inst. at D'light
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIROKO MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Inst. at D'light
CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	K. W.	Spink	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th Inst. at D'light
WEIHAIWEI, & TIENSIN	HUICHOW	Jap. str.	K. W.	E. Forsyth	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th Inst. at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, CHINWANTAO, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PERA	Jap. str.	K. W.	W. W. Cooke, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 9th Inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHUNSHA	Jap. str.	K. W.	Charbonnel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th Inst. at D'light
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KWONGSAM	Jap. str.	K. W.	F. Wheeler	MESSENGERIES MARITIMES	On 24th Inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SILESEA	Jap. str.	K. W.			

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SHANGHAI, CHINWANTAO, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	PERA Capt. W. W. Cooke, E.N.E.	About 9th April Freight only.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLE	SUMATRA Capt. E. W. Bruce	About 14th April Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE Capt. W. G. Gordon, E.N.E.	About 15th April Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS	DEVANHA Capt. W. Hayward, E.N.E.	Noon, 17th April See Special Advertisement.

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1909.

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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CANTON"	Middle of April.
MARSEILLE, HAVRE, COPIEN, HAGEN and ST. PETERSBURG	"TRANQUEBAR"	On 23rd April.
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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLE, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	HITACHI MARU Capt. Wm. Wade	6715	WEDDAY, 14th April, at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJIKO, YOKOAKI, SAKI, AKI MARU and YOKOHAMA	KANAGAWA MARU Capt. N. Ohno	6169	WEDDAY, 28th April, at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	S. TANGO MARU Capt. S. Ishikawa	7463	TUESDAY, 13th April, at Noon
KOBE	MOJIKO, YOKOAKI, SAKI, AKI MARU and YOKOHAMA	6444	TUESDAY, 27th April, at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO, and NAGASAKI, KOBE	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Matheson	5076	FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sohne	5539	FRIDAY, 14th May, at Noon
KOBE	TOTOMI MARU Capt. E. Smith	3412	SUNDAY, 11th April, at Daylight
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO, and NAGASAKI, KOBE	COLOMBO MARU Capt. M. Windeler	4709	MONDAY, 12th April, at Daylight
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen	3817	WEDDAY, 14th April, at Noon
KOBE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Aikawa	6265	SATURDAY, 18th April, at Daylight
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HIBANO MARU Capt. H. Frassetto	4687	SATURDAY, 24th April, at Daylight
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ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Amoy & Manila	On 9th April, Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 17th April, Noon.

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1909.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG :

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FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG: S.S. AMBRIA ... 20th April

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FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. BRISGAVIA ... 3rd May

FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG: S.S. LIBERIA ... 19th May

FOR ANTWERP & HAMBURG: S.S. SELEGAMBIA ... About Middle of May

FOR ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG: S.S. SEGOVIA ... About Beg. of June

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TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of April	SHANGHAI	First half of April
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TJILATJAP	JAPAN	Second half of April	JAVA	Second half of April
TJIKINI	JAPAN	Second half of April	JAVA	Second half of April
TJIBODAS	JAVA	First half of May	JAPAN	First half of May
TJIMAJI	JAVA	First half of May	SHANGHAI	First half of May

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1909.

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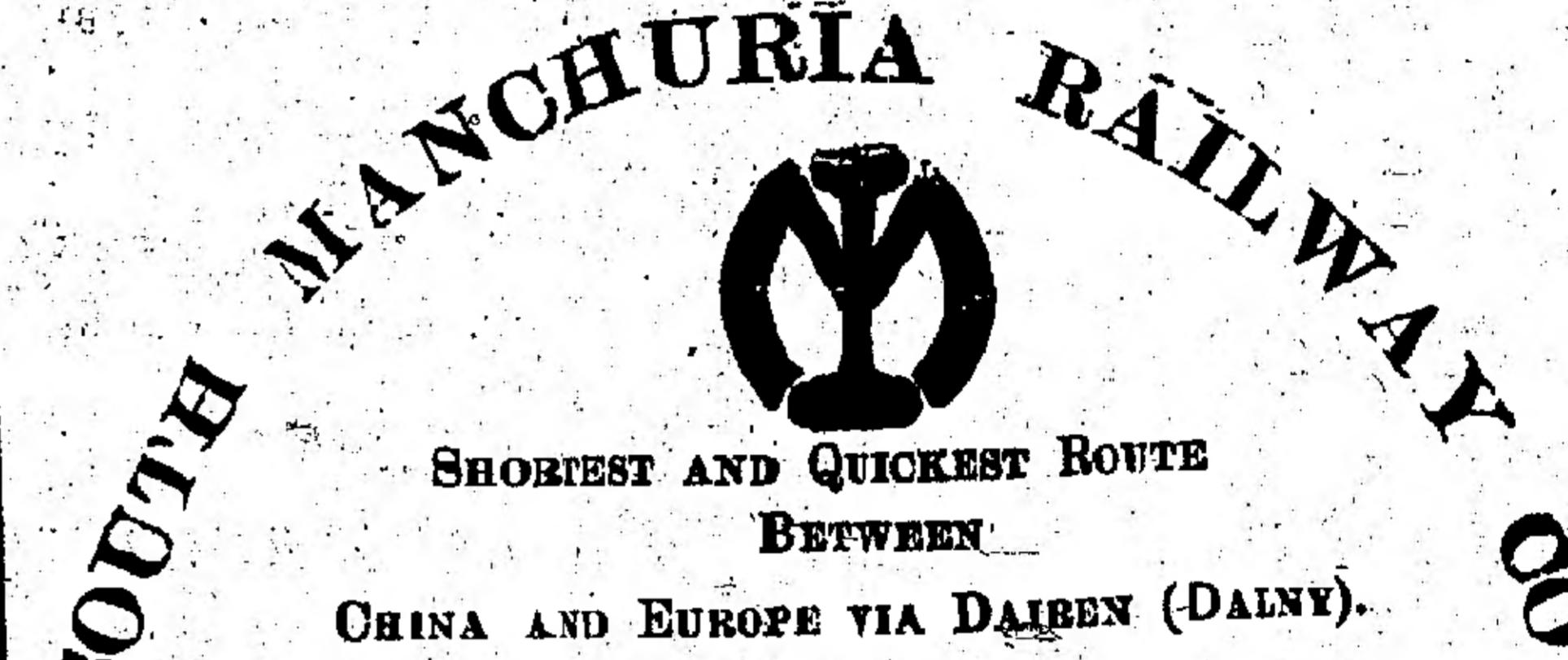
S.S. AMERICA MARU	... 6000 tons gross	Sail April 14th, 1909.
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Hongkong, 1st April, 1909.

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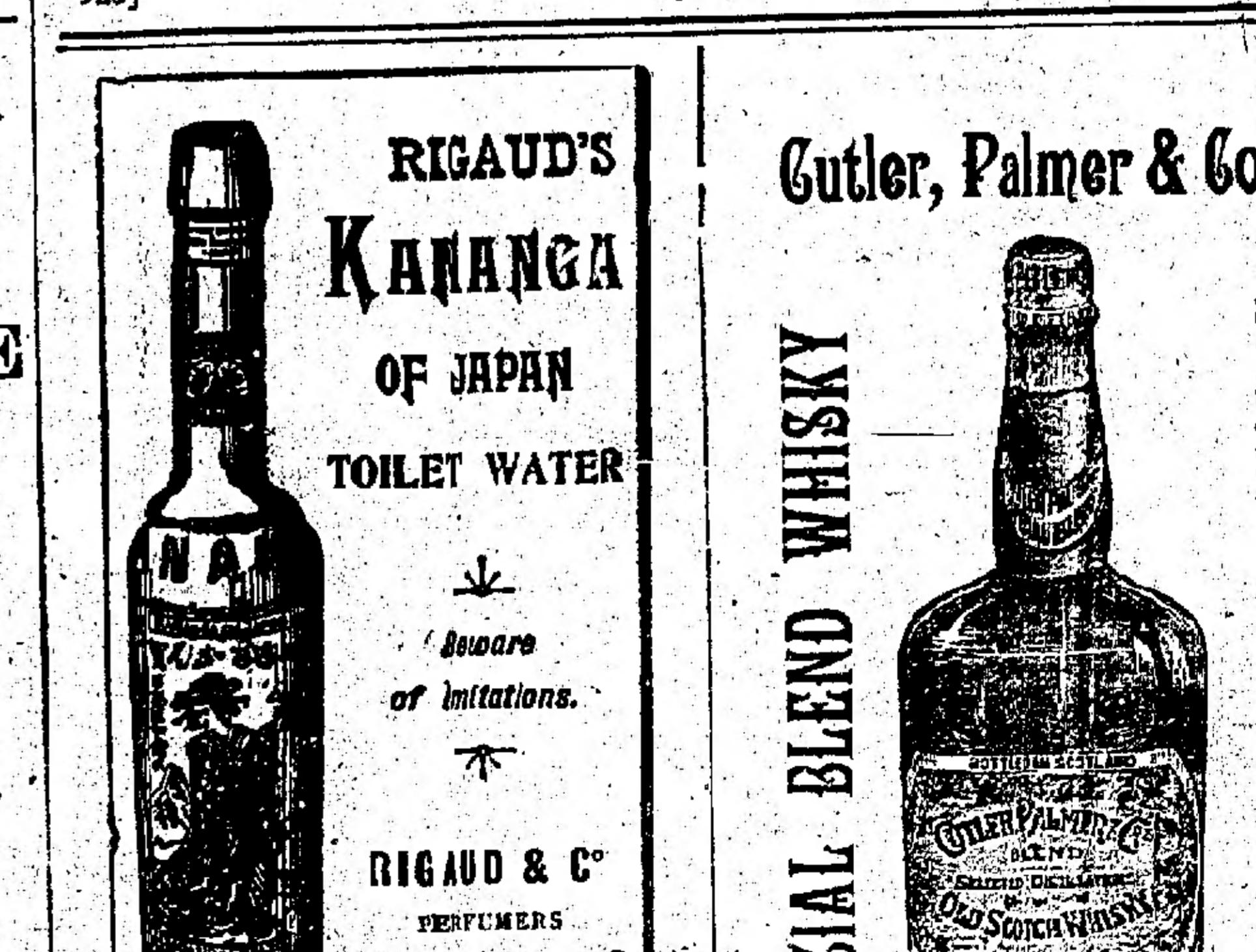
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SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY.

POSTOFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for EUROPE via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalmatia and Siberia.

15th April	at 8.15 p.m.
22nd April	at 8.45 a.m.
29th April	at 8.15 p.m.
7th May	at 8.45 a.m.
13th May	at 8.15 p.m.

To-day and Monday the 12th inst., being Public Holiday, the Post Office will be open for one hour only, i.e. 8 to 9 a.m.

All the outgoing mails will be closed at 9 a.m. There will be one delivery and a collection of letters each day as on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on the 10th and 12th. To-day the Post Office will be open as usual.

The Toukin with the French mail of the 12th March, left Ssion on Friday, the 9th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 12th instant, at a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 6th February.

POB	P.R.B.	DATE
Amoy and Manila	Zafiro	Friday, 9th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Friday, 9th, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Mesfoo	Friday, 9th, 9.00 a.m.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoitow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Friday, 9th, 9.00 a.m.
Saigon	Lacutes	Saturday, 10th, 10.00 a.m.
Tsingtao and Newchwang	Marie	Saturday, 10th, 11.00 a.m.
Moji	Chunsang	Saturday, 10th, 11.00 a.m.
Singapore, Femas and Calcutta	Aratoon Apco	Saturday, 10th, Noon.
Macao	Sui Iai	Saturday, 10th, 11.15 p.m.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brittan, Syd., Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Dunedin and Fremantle	Chang's	Saturday, 10th, 3.00 p.m.
Chafoo and Newchwang	Hupoh	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Newchwang	Holstein	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Kobe	Totoms Maru	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenan	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Empress of Japan	Registration, 5.00 P.M.
(Late Letters 6.00 to 8.00 P.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Letters 6.00 P.M.

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EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

April 8th.

ON LONDON	—	—
Telegraphic Transfer	1/8 ^{1/2}	
Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 ^{1/2}	
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/8 ^{1/2}	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/9	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/9	
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/9	
ON PARIS	—	—
Bank Bills, on demand	219	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	223	
ON GERMANY	—	—
On demand	178	
ON NEW YORK	—	—
Bank Bills, on demand	423	
Credits, at 60 days' sight	432	
ON BOMBAY	—	—
Telegraphic Transfer	130 ^{1/2}	
Bank, on demand	131 ^{1/2}	
ON CALCUTTA	—	—
Telegraphic Transfer	130 ^{1/2}	
Bank, on demand	131 ^{1/2}	
ON SHANGHAI	—	—
Bank, at sight	743	
Private, 30 days' sight	752	
ON YOKOHAMA	—	—
On demand	843	
ON MANILA	—	—
On demand—Pesos 85 ^{1/2}		
ON SINGAPORE	—	—
On demand	743	
ON BATAVIA	—	—
On demand	104 ^{1/2}	
ON HAIPHONG	—	—
On demand	10 ^{1/2} p.m.	
ON SAIGON	—	—
On demand	10 ^{1/2}	
ON BANGKOK	—	—
On demand	863	
SOVEREIGN BANK'S Buying Rate	\$11.30	
Gold LEAF 100 fine, per tael	\$59.50	
Bar SILVER, per oz.	23 ^{1/2}	

OPIUM.

April 8th.

Quotations are—		
Malva New	\$1.070	1,080 per picul.
Malva Old	\$1.090	1,100 "
Malva Older	\$1.110	1,140 "
Malva V. Old	\$1.150	1,185 "
Persian fine quality	\$1.020	1,050 "
Persian extra fine	\$850	900 "
Patna New	\$915	per chest.
Patna Old	\$932	"
Banaras New	\$940	"
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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

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THE "TRAMP" OWNERS' AMBITION.

[BY SPENCER BAGEHOT.]

When Parliament re-assembles there will certainly be some debate on the recent revolution in shipping, effected by the alteration of the Plimsoll mark. English shipping is now allowed to lead up to the Continental standard, and this means an addition of 25 per cent. to existing tonnage. This change was not fully grasped by the public, and I know of several members of Parliament who intended to raise the subject during this year.

LAST YEAR THE WORST FOR SHIPOWNERS.

Last year, as my readers know, was by far the worst that shipowners have known. First of all, trade was bad the world over; secondly, there was more tonnage competing for every cargo, with freights cut to losing point; for prices were quoted that only involved less expense than the laying up of vessels.

For the ordinary trader, 1908 was a happy year. He could pick and choose his ships and obtain freights as practically his own price. The Argentine ports were crammed with shipping anxious to get the corn, maize, and linseed harvests. Vessels were bidding against one another like Billingsgate fishmongers, and goods were carried at phenomenally low rates. In the Mediterranean every port held ships waiting idly for something to turn up.

NEW TONNAGE FLOODING THE MARKET.

Everyone remembers the shipping enthusiasm of 1906, when order were given wholesale for new boats. Week by week last year these vessels came upon the market only to find there was no work for them. If they secured cargoes it was only at unremunerative figures and at the cost of older vessels lying up. At the end of 1908 our leading ports were crowded with idle shipping, and I am told that there was not an unoccupied mooring berth on the Tyne, while many vessels were laid up abroad because their owners found it cheaper than bringing them home. Had it not been for heavy coal exports, the position would have been worse; but such as it was shipowners were appalled by the frightful experience, and by the outlook for 1909.

A NEW "TRUST" FORMING.

The great shipowners of the North of England are preparing a great combination, and I fear it will prove another example of the folly of man in believing that the eternal laws of nature can be defied. The cardinal condition of this combine is to lay-up every vessel included in the agreement for two months in each year. Thus, it is claimed, the world's tonnage will be reduced by one-sixth, and this is, so far as England is concerned, about equal to the tonnage now lying idle. Of course, the foreigners must join, and I hear that the leading shipowners abroad are anxious to join the ring. Mr. Leonard Macrae, the head of the Clapham Steamship Company, is the moving spirit of this plan of reduction, and he enjoys a fine reputation for energy, and skill in making ships pay even in bad times.

At the preliminary meeting held in Newcastle, Sir Walter Runciman, who controls a great fleet of steamers, was in the chair, and his patronage of the scheme is a guarantee that things are really bad, and that desperate remedies are needed.

THE SCHEME DOOMED ALREADY.

How can such heroic plans succeed? The seven seas are so vast, and the interests so multifarious that success is impossible. Why, it will be the biggest "trust" in the world, and the Atlantic combine is a rashlight compared to it. The vessels in the "Trust" would be perpetually fighting against privateers quoting freight a shade lower; and in a short time the combine would fall to pieces from competition alone. Will the bulk of English owners join? I don't think they will, even if only a few stood out, their opposition would destroy any hope of monopoly, and traders would, of course, favour the "blockade" in order to break down "Trust" prices.

The foreigner will be the difficulty. According to Lloyd's Register Book the world's tonnage of steamer and sailing vessels combined is 40,922,842, of which the United Kingdom owns 13,318,351, i.e., less than half. The situation presents too many temptations to the man who is not in the ring and who sees a prospect of scissoring off large slices of his competitor's trade. But the fatal raising of the Plimsoll mark by adding 25 per cent. to existing tonnage will give rivals greater anxiety and greater inducement to keep outside the ring. If 1908 had had, with existing tonnage, what will it be now that the figure is so enormously increased?

WHAT ARE THE PRESENT PROSPECTS.

There is some hope. The signs of general trade revival are visible. Mr. Churchill can see them. Nobody is building ships now; and although 1,800,000 tons were built during 1908 the loss was 800,000 tons, so that the net increase was a bare million. Shipbuilders, and all the trade dependent upon them, engineers, iron and steel makers, carpenters, painters, and others, will have a bad time; but shipowners will be gaining ground. The world's harvests are bound to increase, mining developments, trade increases, and universal exploitation are certain to go ahead more rapidly each year, and shipping must gain by such movements.

Half the shipping of the world is in English hands, and if the present condition of affairs is bitterly felt in England, it is because under a system of Free Trade we have become the carriers of the world. The shipbuilding returns are a rough index of the state of commerce in each country; and if these be considered we shall find that in spite of tariffs and bounties other countries have felt the depression as acutely as ourselves.

FOREIGN SHIPBUILDING.

Next to ourselves America holds the highest place as shipbuilders, but the United States, with an output of 304,000 tons, launched less by 170,000 tons than in 1907. Germany, whose vessels are bounty-fed, had an output of 204,000 tons. The case of Germany is, indeed, very well worthy of study. In 1906, at the height of the shipbuilding boom, 318,000 tons were sent abroad from its yards. Last year the total was only 207,000 tons, and 19,700 tons were bought from English builders. In 1906 the amount thus acquired on German account was 104,000 tons, and in 1907, 44,780 tons. Germany has, in fact, been our best customer for new ships during these three years, although the demand from Norway has been almost as great and more steady.

France, after a long depression in shipbuilding, is showing some signs of improvement. Japan recorded some decrease last year; Holland and Norway also had less activity, but neither of the last-named suffered in anything like the same proportion as the United States or Germany.

TRAMPS VERSUS LINERS.

These figures indicate some of the difficulties which lie before the promoters of the new "Trust." But the combination needs universal support to be effective, for as the depression has extended everywhere, the combination must sweep in countries with large mercantile marines. In their port-of-call ships waiting for whatever freight may be offered. Then the cargo-carrying lines have a formidable competitor in the great passenger

boats. Time was when the "tramp" steamer preyed upon the liner. It clamoured for freights wherever it could snatch a profit. Tramps were ubiquitous, omnivorous, and ever obliging. Sometimes they took away the regular business of liners and sometimes business which liners ignored. But to-day the great passenger boats are less particular. Business is more difficult to obtain, and they visit ports they previously avoided in order to seek new business. They not only passengers, but they seize on trifles they formerly left for the "tramp." So the "liners" must also be brought into the combine, and because of all these difficulties it is probable to assert that no vast combination of cargo-boat owners will succeed. The great meeting in Newcastle last Monday week decided in favor of the "Trust," and received promises of support from several foreign countries. Before these promises can be translated into a compact working combination, defensive and offensive, world wide, and covering over 30,000,000 tons of shipping, the world will be very many years older.

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